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ROAD RAGE CONTACT RESULTS IN IMPERSONATION/WEAPONS CHARGES

A Novato man was arrested on June 11, 2011 as the suspect in a "road rage" incident in the Bel Marin Keys area of Novato.

On June 11, 2011 at approximately 10:58 AM, the Marin CHP received a cellular 911 call from a female motorist who stated she had been threatened by another motorist. The female victim stated that another motorist in a Chevrolet truck intentionally cut her off on westbound Bel Marin Keys Blvd and blocked her path. The male occupant approached her vehicle and flashed a badge at her while using threatening language about how she was driving.

The suspect then left the area. After several minutes, the victim continued driving westbound on Bel Marin Keys Blvd towards US 101. She observed the suspect in his vehicle parked on the side of the road. The suspect pulled his vehicle into traffic and intentionally cut-off the victim a second time and blocked her movement on the roadway. The suspect approached the victim on foot again and continued to use threatening language, displayed a badge, and threatened the female victim with arrest. The suspect left the area westbound on Bel Marin Keys, but turned his vehicle around and began driving eastbound towards the victim. The suspect swerved his vehicle from eastbound Bel Marin Keys into westbound Bel Marin Keys as if he were going to strike the victim vehicle head on. The suspect came within several feet of the victim's vehicle before swerving back onto eastbound Bel Marin Keys.

CHP officers used the license plate and description of the suspect vehicle given by the victim to locate the suspect at his home in Novato. Upon contacting the suspect, Martin Allen Clem, age 52 of Novato, CHP officers located an object that resembled a badge in Clem's vehicle, two loaded handguns, a civilian model "Taser", a machete, and marijuana. It was also discovered that Clem had a suspended driver's license and was not a law enforcement officer.

CHP officers arrested Clem and booked him in the Marin County Jail for false imprisonment, assault with a deadly weapon, making threats, impersonating a peace officer, carrying a concealed firearm in a vehicle, carrying a loaded firearm in a vehicle, driving on a suspended license and possession of marijuana.

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